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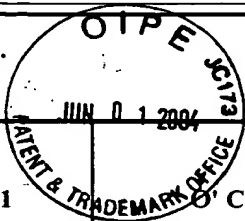
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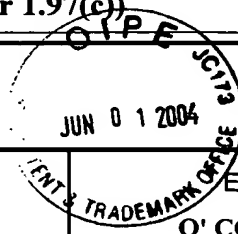
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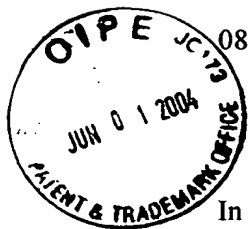
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EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to additional art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 09/936,806 which is a U.S. National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00670, which is a Continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/701,531, and of U.S. Application No. 09/701,523.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06, MPEP 1893.03(e) and MPEP 1893.03(g) and to indicate in the next office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies¹ of the art. This art contains information which the examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

Applicants wish to point out that items 5-7 were cited on the English-language Supplementary European Search Report, dated April 20, 2004, of European Patent Application

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No. 99 92 2479. The other item mentioned on this Search Report, U.S. Patent No. 4,214,587 , was previously cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement. Additionally, since item 7 is in a foreign language, applicants attach the English-language Search Report citing it.

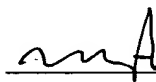
Copies of items 5-6 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/701,531.

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited (including any mentioned in Applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached PTO-1449 form or equivalent) be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449 form or its equivalent, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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	2.	5,488,958	6 Feb '96	TOPEL, H. C. et al.			
	3.	5,989,278	23 Nov '99	MUELLER, R. L.			
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	5.	WO 98/07399	26 Feb '98	PCT				
	6.	WO 98/16161	23 Apr '98	PCT				
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